



State Senator

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Shiawassee-Livingston-Southern Ingham counties

Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE
A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

Garcia's BILL OF THE WEEK!

SB 93: Character Education

Senator Garcia has re-introduced legislation that requires the Michigan Department of Education to create at least one model in which public schools may choose from when researching character education options. Senate Bill 93 also provides schools with an understanding of what the state considers to be criteria for "citizens who demonstrate good character." Although not mandated, public schools are then encouraged to adopt this training and incorporate it in their classroom instruction.

Numerous bills were introduced this week!

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD - - A preview of next week's committee hearings:

House Committee on Senior Health, Security and Retirement

Tuesday, February 22 at 9 a.m. in 327 House Office Building in Lansing

Presentation by the Retirement Coordinating Council

-Paul Aviews, Janet Ketchum and Ellen Hoekstra

Senate Committee on Technology

Wednesday, February 23 at 3 p.m. in room 210 of the Farnum Building

A discussion of natural gas issues, a review of the current heating season and a forecast of the next heating season, 2005-06.

March is Reading Month!

If your child's school would like to invite Senator Garcia to read to them and to their classmates during March, please contact the Senator's scheduler at (517) 373-2420.